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MEMORANDUM FOR MESSRS.

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SUBJECT: Logistical support by the NME of OPC operations.

1. General Norstad informed me last night that yesterday (21 July) the JCS had adopted a very important paper, the purpose of which is to provide logistical and other forms of support for OPC operations. I assume that this is the paper which has been worked up by the Joint Staff pursuant to the request contained in certain of our memoranda addressed to the Secretary of Defense--and that it is probably the final outgrowth of the paper which was shown to us in draft form by General Maddecks, et al about three weeks ago. I am anxious for you to know of the adoption of this paper and I request that Mr. Hulick ask Ivan Yeaton to obtain a copy of the paper in its final form for us to see and if possible to retain.

2. It is also important for you to know that according to General Norstad the JCS attaches a considerable amount of importance to this paper and is fully aware of the fact that the adoption of this paper will entail substantial contributions of time, energy and resources on the part of the NME. OPC will not get everything it asks for free but it will have the opportunity to obtain various items and facilities without being required to reimburse the NME therefor. As explained to me by General Norstad, the determining factor in this connection is whether there is any "out-of-pocket" expense to the NME involved in the furnishing of equipment, supplies and facilities, and in such case it is provided that CIA must reimburse.

3. General Norstad further stated that the JCS recognizes that this paper cannot be implemented by the appointment of a special "coordinator" or small group from low level staff officers, but rather that the implementation will have to proceed on the basis of orders and instructions emanating from a very high level. This has not been fully worked out but General Norstad considers it probable that the Air Force Chief of Staff will be given the responsibility by the JCS. The reason

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for this probable selection is that the JCS has the impression that most of the services, facilities, etc., which will be required are of the kind which can be provided best and in some cases only by the Air Force. General Norstad said that he felt that this was a good solution from our point of view since it will mean that we can get what we want from time to time by dealing with only one person rather than by having to shop around in the Pentagon at a whole series of lower echelons, no one of which is in a position to approve or grant what we want. (I further understood General Norstad to say that for the time being and until the more permanent set up is worked out, Colonel Yeaton will be designated to serve as a temporary coordinator.)

4. One very significant point is that this paper clearly covers and provides for support for OPC activities and operations in both peacetime and wartime. Those of you who were present at the meeting above referred to will recall that this point had been in some doubt.

5. I asked General Norstad what effect he thought the adoption of this paper might have upon the consideration which is currently being given to the creation of an organization in ~~NME~~ to backstop OPC requirements and to work with OPC on projects of mutual interest. He replied that he could not give a precise estimate of the relationship between the two developments but he surmised that whatever is set up under the paper adopted yesterday will prove to be a point of departure for the broader organization.

6. Obviously this is a most welcome development and I think it may be interpreted as evidence of an awakened and serious interest in our activities on the part of the JCS. It goes without saying that the granting of such benefits and facilities to OPC calls for a corresponding degree of seriousness on our part.

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